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## **Got a Leak? City of Kirkland and Cascade Water Alliance can help you fix leaks and save water**

**Kirkland WA** - As part of National Fix a Leak Week, March 17 – 23, the City of Kirkland, a member of Cascade Water Alliance, will send toilet leak detection kits to all its residents. Cascade will send nearly 100,000 kits to homes in its service area throughout the Eastside and South King County.

“Fixing a leaking toilet is easy, quick, and inexpensive,” according to Penny Sweet, Kirkland Deputy Mayor and Cascade Board member. “Cascade and the City of Kirkland will send leak detection dye strip kits to Kirkland homes to help residents eliminate wasted water. Finding and fixing leaking toilets is a great way to conserve our valuable water resources.”

The average American home may waste more than 10,000 gallons of water every year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks, which can significantly raise a homeowner’s water and wastewater bills. One of the most common types of leaks, a leaking toilet, can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day. This is a type of leak that can usually be easily fixed, and finding the leak is the first step in fixing the problem. In recent years Kirkland residents have saved thousands of gallons per day by fixing leaking toilets.

The toilet leak detection kit includes dye strips and simple instructions to check the toilet for leaks. Since 2004, Cascade Water Alliance has offered water efficiency programs to help people use this precious resource wisely. More information on detecting a leaking toilet and other water efficiency programs can be found at [www.cascadewater.org](http://www.cascadewater.org).

Cascade Water Alliance is a municipal corporation comprised of seven cities and water districts, including the City of Kirkland, along with the cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Redmond, Tukwila and the Skyway Water and Sewer District, and Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District, that joined together in 1999 to provide water supply for current and future needs. The agency currently serves 350,000 residents and 20,000 businesses.

For more information, visit [www.cascadewater.org](http://www.cascadewater.org).